1 "Outtathaway!" Craig Nicholls takes aim during rehearsals for MTV's Video Music Awards, New York, 29 August 2002.

2 "What've I told you about playing in time?!"

3 "I'm off to find a new drummer."

NEW NIRVANA LATEST!

The Vines Break America!

Craig Nicholls and co scream their way to Stateside success.

"You know the album debuted at Number 11 in America?" asks bemused Vines bassist Patrick Matthews. "That was a really big shock. It's a big place so that's a lot of CDs."

That also means a lot of new friends for The Vines as the United States has continued to go mad for the Australian four-piece. Since releasing debut album Highly Evolved in July the band have found themselves on the cover of iconic music magazine Rolling Stone fronting their "rock is back" issue and upstaging chat show monarch David Letterman with a deliberately chaotic performance.

"Craig *[Nicholls, singer]* just screamed like a moron," says Matthews. "Letterman was speechless, so it was a good one."

The result is the album has begun to climb the charts again, leaping 20 places each week, and the band secured prominent billing at the MTV Video Music Awards on 29 August.

"We had to walk down the red carpet with this pack of photographers snapping us," admits Matthews. "Kirsten Dunst, who was introducing us, said hello and I couldn't think of anything to say to her. The whole thing felt like, not that we made it, but we'd somehow ended up in the middle of the circus that is American popular culture."

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OLD NIRVANA LATEST!

Is Album Due Next Month?

Band members and record company prepare for end of dispute.

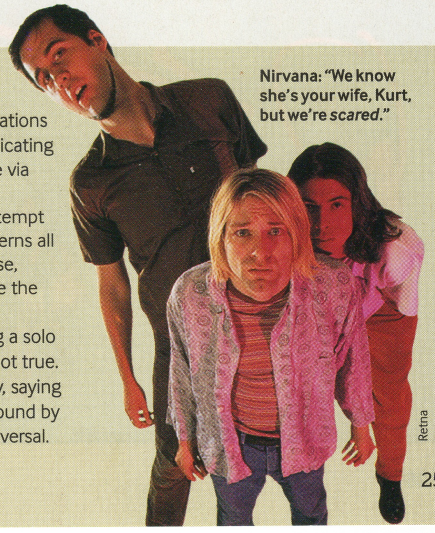
The dispute surrounding unreleased Nirvana material may be over. It seems the long-awaited Greatest Hits – including unreleased track You Know You're Right – could appear as early as November.

"There's actually good will going on right now," said Krist Novoselic. "I can't say until the ink's dry, but it's just probably what you'd expect, what you've been hearing."

Commenting further, Courtney Love said on the The Howard Stern Show in the US, "You'll get the new Nirvana record at Christmas. We love each other. We're getting along. We worked it all out."

Industry rumour suggests preparations are already being made, insiders indicating that Universal are readying a release via Polydor once the legal wrangles are resolved. These centre on Love's attempt to dissolve the partnership that governs all Nirvana affairs and, in a separate case, challenge Universal's right to release the band's material.

The rumour about Love releasing a solo single on Poptones, meanwhile, is not true. Alan McGee's label refuted the story, saying the ex-Hole frontwoman remains bound by her former band's contract with Universal.



Nirvana: "We know she's your wife, Kurt, but we're *scared*."

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